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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: POST-SHIPMENT END USE CHECK

ON LICENSE 050111816

REF: A. SECSTATE 20184

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11. We met with Microwave Electronic Systems, Inc. (MIKES) Project Manager Nurhan Ayaz Ozveren and Undersecretariat for Defense Industries (SSM) official Tuba Karazincir on April 15 at MIKES headquarters in Ankara to conduct a post-shipment end use check on License 050111816 (ref a). MIKES is a well-established Turkish defense contractor. According to Ozveren, security for its Ankara-based headquarters meets NATO AQAP-2010 standards. Ozveren provided a thorough presentation regarding the purchasing history of the items and confirmed that EMPA delivered the 20 electrical connectors to MIKES on October 14. She said the components are currently undergoing testing at MIKES headquarters. The connectors will be integrated into an LRU-23 wideband receiver. The LRU-23 wideband receiver fitted with the connectors will ultimately be delivered to the end user, the Turkish Air Force (TUAF), by 2011. SSM,s Karazincir confirmed that this timeframe also reflected the Ministry of Defense,s understanding of the project.

- 12. MIKES representatives were professional and fully cooperative during our visit, and shared with emboffs a copy of all the relevant documents related to this transaction, including an end user letter, a packing list and invoice for the shipment of the items from AMPHENOL Corporation to EMPA, an invoice from EMPA to MIKES, and MIKES' shipment acceptance and payment approval forms. During the meeting, Ozveren arranged for the delivery of the items from the warehouse to the conference room and allowed emboffs to inspect them first-hand.
- 13. We believe the information provided by EMPA (ref b), MIKES and SSM officials has established the bona fides of this shipment and confirms that the items are being used in accordance to the export license.

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